Protest



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India Alert: Activists announce protest at Azad Maidan in Mumbai from 15:30 (local time) on November 12; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Activists associated with the Campaign for Release of Workers and Activists of Noida (Carwan), a human rights advocacy group formed to support activists arrested during workers protests in Noida City in Uttar Pradesh, is slated to hold a protest at Azad Maidan in Mumbai from 15:30 (local time) on November 12.
- The slated demonstration will be held to demand the release of labor activists detained during the workers' protests in Noida in April.



Source: Instagram

Assessments & Forecast:

1. Turnout at the slated protest is likely to range between mid-to-high dozens, based on the resonance of the issue among the public in Mumbai and considering the group's mobilization capacity. Anticipating this, the authorities are expected to bolster security measures in the vicinity of Azad Maidan, per standard security protocol. These measures will likely manifest through the deployment of police personnel and the installation of barricades to monitor the crowd.
2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between protesters and the police, should the demonstrators engage in perceived disruptive activities such as blocking major thoroughfares, engaging in ad hoc sit-ins, defying police orders, or breaching security protocols. In such cases, the police will likely respond with crowd control measures, such as temporary detention and forced removal of protesters from the site. Localized disruptions to vehicular travel are likely in the vicinity of Azad Maidan due to the slated demonstration and associated security measures on November 12

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Mumbai on November 12 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Azad Maidan due to the slated protest and associated risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.